

HOUSE No. 2583

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition of Geoffrey D. Hall and others
relative to the classification of real property. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Geoffrey D. Hall Robert C. Herrmann
Steven C. Panagiotakos

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The first paragraph of section 56 of chapter 40 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the second and third sentences and
4 inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:—
5 Once certified, a city or town may classify in the manner set
6 out in this section for the following three years. The selectmen or
7 town council of each town and the city council together with the
8 mayor's approval in each city, which city or town has been certi-
9 fied by the commissioner of revenue to be assessing property at
10 full and fair cash valuation, shall triennially first determine the
11 percentages of local tax levy to be borne by each class of real
12 property, as defined in section two A of chapter fifty-nine, and
13 personal property for the next three fiscal years; provided, how-
14 ever, that if the mayor vetoes the city council's percentages, in a
15 city, the city council may override such veto with a vote equal to
16 two-thirds of the members elected. In determining such percent-
17 ages, the selectmen, town council or the city council, together
18 with the mayor's approval, as the case may be, shall first adopt a
19 residential factor; provided, however, that if the mayor vetoes the
20 city council's factor, in a city, the city council may override such
21 veto with a vote equal to two-thirds of the members elected.

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